

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

United States of America,

Plaintiff/Respondent, Case No. 24-50759

v.

Judith E. Levy  
United States District Judge

Joshua Gauthier, Nathaniel  
Cotton, Keith Kennedy, and Don  
Embry,

Mag. Judge Elizabeth A.  
Stafford

Defendants,

v.

Natalie Cotton,

Petitioner,

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**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF/RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO  
DISMISS PETITION AND ANCILLARY PROCEEDINGS AND  
FOR ENTRY OF A FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE [4]**

On or about June 12, 2024, Petitioner Natalie Cotton submitted a letter asserting an interest in firearms included in a preliminary forfeiture order and requesting a hearing. (ECF No. 1, PageID.1–2.) The Court construed it as a petition pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 853(n). (ECF No.

2, PageID.5.) The Court held that the “filing does not satisfy the requirements of § 853(n)” and ordered Petitioner to file a conforming Amended Petition by July 24, 2024. (*Id.* at PageID.7–8.) The Court noted that “[f]ailure to timely file an amended petition may result in dismissal of this ancillary proceeding.” (*Id.* at PageID.7).

As of the date of today’s order, Petitioner has not filed an amended petition. Accordingly, the Court grants Plaintiff/Petitioner United States of America’s motion to dismiss petition and ancillary proceedings and for entry of a final order of forfeiture. *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(1)(A). The proceeding is dismissed. The preliminary order of forfeiture is final. Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(2).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 7, 2025  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

s/Judith E. Levy  
JUDITH E. LEVY  
United States District Judge

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing document was served upon counsel of record and any unrepresented parties via the Court’s ECF System to their respective email or first-class U.S. mail addresses disclosed on the Notice of Electronic Filing on July 7, 2025.

s/William Barkholz  
Case Manager